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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in order to comply with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. These references are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and thus, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants further request that a copy of the PTO form PTO/SB/08a, appropriately initialed by the Examiner, be returned to Applicants' attorney.

The subject application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/818,166, filed March 27, 2001. All of the references listed on the concurrently filed form PTO/SB/08a have been previously submitted to, considered or received by the Examiner in the

parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/818,466, and thus are not provided herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 for such fees. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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